(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the analysis shall be conducted by using internationally established test meeting the residue limits; and

(d) if so, whether there are sufficient number of test labs to carry out these tests?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFLARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The norms or Pesticide residues in Packaged Drinking Water have been revised vide notification GSR No. 554(E) dated 18th July 2003.

The norms are as under :—

(i) Pesticide residues-Not more than 0.0001 mg/litre considered individually.

(The analysis shall be conducted by using Internationally established test methods meeting the residue limits specified herein).

(ii) Total Pesticide residues-Not more than 0.0005 mg/litre.

(The analysis shall be conducted by using Internationally established test methods meeting the residue limits specified herein).

(d) While laboratories have been identified by BIS and are also existing in the Government Sector, it is the continuous endeavour of the Government to provide the required infrastructure for this purpose.

Ayurvedic Doctors

2767. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ayurvedic CMOs are not authorized to refer the patients directly to the referral hospitals/Government hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to allow Ayurvedic CMOs who are part of the Allopathic Dispensaries; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Ayurvedic CMOs/Physicians under CGHS cannot refer CGHS beneficiaries to the Govt./private recognised hospitals of Allopathic system.

However, the Ayurvedic CMOs/Physicians under CGHS can refer CGHS beneficiaries for consultation directly to the Govt. Ayurvedic hospitals.

(c) and (d) The matter is being examind by the Government.

Code of Professional Ethics

2768. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a code of professional ethics in medical practice in the country to check certain unethical practices like removal of organs, sale of infants, sophisticated machnies shown out of order etc.;

(b) if so, details thereof and by when such a code is likely to be enforced;

(c) if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent unethical practices going on in the name of medical profession?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Medical Council of India with the approval of the Central Government have notified the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 in the Official Gazette dated 6th April, 2002. These Regulations prescribe the various acts of commission and omission on the part of a physician which are construed as misconduct and unethical. These Regulations also make it mandatory for a physician to observe the various Acts like Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, Transplantation of